Here begynneth the lyfe of the blessed martyr sayntē Thomas.

The martir sayntē Thomas was son to Gylberde Bequet a burgeys of the Cite of London. And was borne in ye place where as now standeth the churche called sayntē Thomas of Akers. And this Gylberde was a good deuote man / and toke the crosse vpon hym / and wente on pylgrymage to the holy lande / and had a seruaunt wt hym. And whan he had accomplisshed his pylgrymage / he was taken homwarde by the hethenmen / and brought in prison of a prince named Ameraũt where longe tyme he / and his felyshyp suffred moche peyne and sorowe. And the prynce hadde great affeccyon towarde this Gylberd / and had oft cõmunycyon with hym of the crysten feyth / & of ỹ royalme of Englande by whiche conuersacion: it fortuned / that ỹ doughter of this prynce had especiall loue vnto this gylberde / & was familier with hym: and on a tyme she disclosed hir loue to hym / sayenge if he wolde promyse to wed hir / she shulde forsake frendes / heritage / and countre for his loue / and become crysten / and after longe comunycacion betwene them / he promysed to wed hyr

yf she wolde become cristen/ & tolde to her the place of his dwellynge in England/ & after by the purueaũce of god/ the same Gylberd escaped & came home/ and after thys it fortuned so ỹ this prynces doughter stale away & passed many a wylde place & great aduẽture & by goddes purueaũce came at the last to london demaũdynge & criẽge Beke t beket/ for more englysshe coude she nat/ where for the people drewe a boute her what for the straunge araye of her/ as for that they vnderstod her not/ & many a shrewed boye/ so longe she went tyl she came before gylberdes doze/ & as she stode there ỹ seruante that had be w^t gylberd in prison/ whiche was named Rychard saw her & knew anone that it was the prynces doughter y^t had them in prysson/ he shewed it to his master/ and tolde to hym how this mayde stode at his doze/ & anone he went forth to se her/ & as sone as she sawe hym she fell in a soune for Joye/ & gylberd toke her vp & cõforted her & brought her in to his house/ & syth went to the bysshops which then were syre at Poules & rehersed all the matter/ & after they crystened her/ & forthwith weded her vnto gylberd beket. And within tyme resonable & accustomed was brought forth bytwene thyem a fayre sone named Thomas. And after thys/ yet the sayd gylberde went agayne in to the holy land/ and was .iii. yere or he came agayne/ & thys chylde grewe forth tyll he was set to scole/ and lerned well & be came vertuouse. And whan he was .xiiii. yere olde his mother passed out of this world/ & after this he serued a merchaũte of London a whyle in keppynge his charge & tompres and frome hym he went to Stygande archebysshope

of Caũterbury/and he was in so great fauoure with hym that he made hym archedeken & chefe of his coũ-seyle. And well executed he his offyce/ i punysshynge the culpable/& cherisshynge ỹ good people/& dyuers tymes went to Rome to supporte & helpe holy chirche And after this Harry the secõde that was the empres sone was made kynge of englonde /and he ordeyned this Thomas chaũceler/& had great rule/& the land stode in plperite/& saynt Thoms stode so greatly in the kynges fauoure ỹ the kynge was cõtent with all that he dyd/& whã the kynge went in to normãdy/he betoke the gouernaũce of his sone & the realme in to ỹ rule of saynt Thomas / whiche he wysely gouerned tyll his retorne agayne/& anone after dyed Thybaude tharchebysshope of Caũterburye/& the kynge gaue his nomynacion to saynt Thomas/& by the chapyter was electe in ỹ yere of his age. xliiii. and was ful loth to take that great charge on hym/ & so at last had his bulles/he was sacred & stalled/& became an holy man sodeynly chaũged in to a new man doynge great penaũce as in werynge heer w̃ knottes/and abreche of the same downe to ỹ knees/and on a trynite sondaye he receyued his dygnyte/& there was at that tyme the kynge with many a great lord & .xvi. bysshopes. And fro thens was sent the abbote of Euesam to the pope with dyuers other clerkes for the Paule whyche he gate & brought to hym /and he full mekelye receyued it. And vnder his habyte he ware the abyte of a monke/and so was he withinforth a monke/and outwarde a clerke & dyd great abstynẽce makynge his body

lene/and his soule fat/& he vsed to be well seruyde at hys table/& toke but a lytell refeccion therof/& lyuede holyly in gyuynge good ensample. After thys many tymes ꝑ kynge wente ouer in to normandye/& in his absence alway saynt Thomas had the rule of his son & of the realme/ꝑ whiche was gouerned so well/that the kynge coude him great thãke/& then abode longe in thys realme/& whan so was ꝑ the kynge dyd anye thynge ayenst the fraunchyses & lybertes of holy chyrche seynt thomas euer withstode it to his power. And on a tyme whan the fees of London & of Wynchestre were vacant and voyde/the kynge kepte them bothe longe in hys handes for to haue the profytes of them wherfore. Thomas was heuy & came to the kynge & desyred hym to gyue tho.ii.bysshoprykes to some vertuouse men/& anone the kynge graũted hym his desyre/and ordeyned one master Roger bysshope of wynchestre/& the erle of glocestres sone bysshope of lõdon named syr Robert/and anone after saynt Thomas halowed the abbaye of redynge/which ꝑ fyrst harry foũded. And ꝑ same yere he trãslated saynt Edwardn kynge and cõfessoure at westmynster where he was layde in a ryche shryne/& in shorte tyme after by the entysemẽt of the deuyll fell great debate varyaunce & stryfe bytwene ꝑ kynge & saynt Thomas/& ꝑ kynge sendefor all the bysshoppes to appere before hym at westmynster at a certeyne daye. At whiche daye they assembled before hym whom he welcomed/and after sayde to them how ꝑ the archebysshop wolde destroye his lawe/& not suffer hym to enioy suche thynges as his predecessours had vsed before hym/wherto saynt

Thomas answered ye he neuer entendyd to do thynge that shuld displease the kynge/as ferre as it touchede not ye fraunchyse & lyberte of holy churche. Than the kynge rehersed how he wold not suffre clerkes that were theues haue ye execucion of ye lawe. To whiche saynt Thomas sayd ye he ought not execute them/but they longe to ye correccion of holy churche/& other dyuers poyntes/to whiche saynt Thomas wold not agre To whiche ye kynge sayd now I se well ye woldest for do ye lawes of this land yt haue ben vsed in the dayes of my predycessours/but it shall not ly in thy power/& so the kynge beynge wrothe departed. Than ye byssh opes all counseyled saynt Thomas to folowe ye kynges entent or els ye land shuld be in great trouble/& in lyke wyse the lordes temporall yt were his frendes counseyled hym the same/& saynt Thomas sayd I take god to recorde it was neuer myne entent to displeas ye kynge or to take any thynge yt longeth to his ryght & honoure/& than ye lordes were glade & brought hym to the kynge to orenford/& ye kynge dayned not to speke to hym/and than ye kynge called all ye lordes spirituall & temporall to hym/& sayd he wold haue all ye lawes of his forefaders there new confermed. And there they were confermed by the all ye lordes spirytuall & temporall. And after this ye kynge charged them for to come to hym in Claryndon to his perlament at a certeyne daye assygned/on payne to renne in his indygnacyon & at that tyme so departed. And thys perlament was holden at claryndon the. ix. yere of the kynges reygne and the yere of our lorde. xi. C. lxiii. At thys plaiment were many lordes/whiche al were ayenst saynt Tho

mas. And than the kynge syttyng in his parlyament in the presence of all his lordes demaunded them yf they wolde abyde & kepe the lawes & vsages that had ben vsed in his forfathers dayes. Than saynt Thomas spake for the partye of holy churche & sayde. All olde lawes yt ben good & ryght & not ayenst our moder holy churche I graunt wt good wyll to kepe them. And than the kynge sayde yt he wolde not leue one poynt of his lawe and wexed wroth wt saynt Thomas / & than certayne bysshopes requyred saynt Thoms to obey & the kynges desyre & wyll & saynt Thoms desyred respyte to knowe the lawes & than to gyfe an answere / & whan he vnderstode them all / to some he consented / but many he denyed & wold neuer be agreable to the wherfore ye kynge was wrothe / & sayd he wold holde & kepe the / lyke as his predycessours had done before hym / & wold not my nysshe one poynt of them. Than saynt Thoms sayd to the kynge wt full great sorowe & heuy chere. Nowe my moste dere lorde & gracyous kynge haue pyte on vs of holy churche your bedemen / & gyue vs respyte for a certayne tyme / & thus departed euery man. And saynt Thomas wente to wynchester / & there prayed our lorde deuoutly for holy churche / and to gyfe hym ayde & strength for to defende yt. For vtterly he determyned to abyde by the lybertes & fraunchyse / and fell downe on his knees full sore weppynge and sayde. O good lorde I knowlege ye I haue offended / & for myne offence & trespas this trouble cometh to holy churche I purpose good lorde to go to Rome to be assoyled of myne offences & depted towarde Cauterbury. & anone ye kynge sent his officers to his manoyres &

despoylled them/bycause he wolde not obey ye kyngs
statutes. And the kynge cõmaũded to cease all his lan
des & goodes in to his handes/and than his seruaũts
depted frome hym/& he went to ye see syde for to haue
gone ouer the see/but the wynde was ayenst hym & so
thryes he toke his shype & myght nat passe/& than he
knewe that it was nat our lordes wyll yt yet he shold
not departe/& retourned secretly to Caunterbury/of
whose comynge his men made great Joy/and on the
morne came ye kynges offycers for to haue sealed all
his goodes. For the noyse was yt saynt Thoms fled
the lande. Wherfore they hadde dispoyled all his ma
noyrs/& sealed them in to ye kynges handes/& whã
they came they founde hym at Caunterbury/wherof
they were sore abasshed/and retourned to the kynge
entourmynge hym yt he was yet at Caũterbury/& a
non after saynt Thomas came to the kynge to wõde
stoke for to pray hym to be better dysposed towarde
holy churche/& than sayd ye kynge to hym sholde
may not we two dwell bothe in this lande/arte ỹ of so
sturdy & harde of herte/to whome saynt Thoms an-
swered syr yt was neuer my thought/but I wold fay
ne please you/& do ally ye desyre/so that ye hurt not
the lybertes of holy churche/for them wyll I mayn-
tayne whyle I lyue euer to my power/wt whyche wor
des ye kynge was sore moued/& swore that he wolde
haue them kept/& in especyall yf a clerke were a thefe
he shuld be Juged & executed after ye kynges lawe/&
by no spirytuall lawe. And sayde he wolde neuer suf-
fre a clerke to be his mayster in hys owen lande. And
charged saynt Thoms to apere before hym at North

hampton/and bryngе all the bysshopps of thys land
with hym & so departed. Saynt Thomas besought
god of helpe & socoure/for yͤ bysshopps whiche ought
to be wͭ hym were moost ayenst hym. And after thys
saynt Thomas went to northãpton / where yͤ kynge
held than his great coũseyl/in the castell with all his
lordes. And whan he came before the kynge/he sayde
I am come to obey your cõmaundement / but before
this tyme was neuer bysshope of caũterbury thus en
treated/for I am hed of yͤ churche of all englond and
am to youlyr kynge your goostly father/& yt was ne-
uer goddes lawe that the sone shulde destroy yͤ father
whiche hath charge of your soule/& by your sterynge
hath made all the bysshops yͤ shuld abyde by yͤ ryght
of yͤ churche to be ayenst holy churche and me. And ye
knowe well that I may not fyght/but I am redye to
suffre deth/rather than I shuld suffre to lese yͤ ryght
of holy churche. Than sayde yͤ kynge yͤ spekest as a
proude clerke/but I shall abbate thy pryde or I leue
the. For I must teken with the. Thou understandest
well that thou were my chaunceler many yeres. And
ones I lent to the. v. C. poũde whiche yͤ neuer yet hast
repayed/ whiche I wyll that thou pay me agayne/or
elles in contynent thou shalte go to pryson. And than
saynt Thoms answered ye gaue me that. v. C. poũd
and it is not sytynge to demaunde yͤ whiche ye haue
gyuen/not withstandynge he foũde suerte for yͤ sayd
v. C. pounde/& departed for that day. And after thys
the next day the kynge demaunded .xxx. M. pounde
that he had surmysed on hym to haue stolẽ he beynge
chaunceler/ wherupon he delyred day to answere at

whiche tyme he sayde yᵗ whan he was archebysshop he set hym fre theryn without any clayme or dette by fore good recorde / wherfore he ought not to answere to yᵉ demaũde / & the bysshops desyred saynt Thoms to obey the kynge / but in no wyse he wold not agre to suche thynges as shulde touche ayenst the lybertes of the thurche. And than they came to the kynge & forsoke saynt Thoms & agreed to all the kynges desyre & the ꝓper seruaũtes of saynt Thoms flede frome hym & forsoke hym / & than pore people came & accõpanyed hym / & in yᵉ nyght came to hym to worlordes and tolde to hym ꝯ the kynges meyny had enpryred to sle hym And the nexte nyght after he departed in thabbyte of a brother of Sympryngham & so cheuysshed ꝯ he wēt ouer see. And in the meane whyle certayne bysshops went to Rome to complayne on hym to the pope / and the kynge sente letters to the kynge of fraunce not to receyue hym / & the kynge Lewys sayd though a man were banysshed & had cõmised there trespaces / yet he shulde be fre in fraũce / & so after whan this holy saynt Thomas came / he receyued hym well & gaue hym lycence to abyde & do there what he wold. In this meane whyle the kynge of englande sent certayne lordes to the pope cõplaynynge on the archebysshope Thomas whiche made greuouse cõplayntes / whiche whã the pope had herde he wolde gyue none answere tyll he had harde tharchebysshope Thoms spekewhiche wolde hastely come thyder / but they wolde not abyde his comynge but departed without spedynge of theyr ententes / and came in to englande agayne. And anon after saynt Thoms came to rome on saynt Marcus

day at afternone. And whan his Cature shulde haue
brought fysshe for his dyner/bycause it was fastynge
day/he coude gette non for no money/& came & tolde
his lorde saynt Thomas so/and he bad hym by suche
as he coude gete/& than he bought flesshe & made it re
dy for theyr dyner/and saynt Thoms was serued w̄
a capon rosted and his memny with boylled mete & so
it was that ỹ pope herde ỹ he was come/& sent a car=
dynall to welcome hym/& he found hym at his dyner
etynge flesshe/whiche anon retourned/& tolde to the
pope how he was not so perfyght a mā as he had sup
posed. For contrary to the rule of the churche/he eteth
thys day flesshe. The pope wold not beleue hym but
sent a nother cardynall whiche for more euydent toke
the legge of the capon in his kerchyef/& affermed the
same. And opened his kerchyef before ỹe pope and he
founde the legge tourned in to a fysshe called a carpe
and whan ỹ pope sawe it he sayde they were not trwe
men to say suche thynges of this good bysshope/they
sayde feythfully ỹ it was flesshe that he ete. And after
this saynt Thomas came to ỹ pope and dyd his reue
rence & obedience whome ỹ pope welcomed/& after
certayne cōmunycacions/he demaunded hym what
mete ỹ he had eten/& sayde flesshe as ye haue hard be
fore bycause he coude fynde no fysshe/& verry nede cō
pelled hym therto/than ỹ pope vnderstode of ỹ myra
cle that the capons legge was tourned in to a carpe of
his goodnes graūted to hym & to all them of ỹ dyoci=
se of caūterbury lycēce to ete flesshe euer after on saynt
Marcus day whan et falleth on a fysshe day/& ydon
w̄ all whiche is kepte & accustomed vnto this day and

than saynt Thomas enfourmed the pope howe yᵗ the kynge of englande wolde haue hym cõsent to dyuers artycles ayenst ye lybertes of holy churche / and what wronge he dyd to ye same / & yᵗ for to dye he wolde neuer cõsent to them / & whan ye pope had harde hym he wepte for pyte & thanked god that he had suche a bysshope vnder hym yᵗ had sowell defended ye lybetes of holy churche / & anon wrote oute letters & bulles commaũdynge all ye bysshops of cristẽdome to obserue & kepe ye same. And than saynt Thomas offered to the pope his bysshoprike in to his handes & his mytre wᵗ the crosse & rynge / & the pope cõmaunded hym to kepe it styll / & sayde he knewe no man so able as he was and after saynt Thomas sayde masse before yᵉ pope in a white chesyble & after masse he sayde to yᵉ pope that he knewe by reuelacion yᵗ he shuld dye for yᵉ ryght of holy churche ; & whan it shulde fall yᵉ chesyble shulde be tourned frome whyte to rede. And after he departed fro yᵉ pope and came downe in to fraũce / vnto thabbay of poũtney / & there had knwlege yᵗ whan yᵉ lordes spyrytuall & temporall whiche had ben at Rome were come home & had told yᵉ kynge yᵗ they in no wyse myght haue theyr entent / Than the kynge was greatly wrothe. And anon banysshed all the kynnesmen yᵗ were longynge to saynt Thoms yᵗ they shulde in cõtynent voyde his lande & made them to swere yᵗ they shulde go to hym / & tell hym for hys sake they were exyled / & so they went ouer see to hym to pountney & he beynge there was full sory for thē / & after ther was a great chapyter in englãde of yᵉ monkes of cisteaus & there yᵉ kynge desyred thē to wryte to poũtney

that they shulde no lenger kepe ne susteyne Thomas the archebysshope. For yf they dyd he wolde destroye them of that order beynge in englande/ & for fere ther of they wrote so ouer to pountney that he must depart thens wyth hys kynnesmen. And so he dyd/and was than full heuy/and remytted his cause to god. And a none after the kynge of fraũce sent to hym y^t he shulde abyde where it pleased hym and dwell in hys realme & wolde paye for ye costes of hym and his kynnesmen and he departed & went to seynes & thabbote brought hym on the waye & saynt Thomas told hym how he knewe by a vysyon y^t he shulde suffre deth & martyrdom for the ryght of the churche & prayed hym to kepe it secrete durynge hys lyfe/after thys ye kynge of englande came in to fraũce/& there tolde ye kynge how saynt Thoms wolde destroy his realme/& than sayd how he wolde fordo suche lawes as his elders had vsed before/wherfore saynt Thoms was sent for/and they were brouht to gydder & the kynge of fraunce laboured sore to set them at accorde but it wolde not be for y^t on wold not mynysshe his lawes & accustomes and saynt Thomas wolde not graunt that he shulde not do contrary ye lybertes of holy churche/and than the kynge of fraunce held w̃ the kynge of englande a yenst saynt Thoms and was wroth w̃ hym and commaunded hym to voyde his realme w̃ his kynnesmen and than saynt Thomas wyst not whether to go but comforted his kynnesmen as well as he myght/& purposed to haue gone in to prouince/for to haue begged his brede/and as he was goynge the kynge of fraũce sent for hym agayne/ and whã he came he cryed hym

mercy and sayde he had offendyd god and hym/and bad hym abyde in his realme where he wolde/and he wolde pay for ꝑ dispēses of hym & all his kynnesmen. And in ꝑ meane whyle ꝑ kynge of englond ordeyned his sone kyng/& made hym to be crowned by tharche bysshope of yorke/and other bysshoppes whiche were ayenste the statutes of the lande. For the archebysshope of Caunterburye shulde haue also consented/& also haue crowned hym wherfore seynt Thomas gat a bulle for to accurse theym that so dyd ayenste hym & also on them ꝑ occuppye ꝑ goodes longynge to hym & yet after thys the kynge laboured so moche ꝑ he accorded the kynge of englonde and saynt thomas whiche accorde endured not longe/for the kynge varyed frome it afterwarde/but saynt Thomas vpon his accorde came home to Caũterburye/ where he was receyued worshypfully & sent for them that had trespased ayenst hym/& by ꝑ auctorite of ꝑ popes bull openly denounced theim accursed/vnto ꝑ tyme they came to amendemẽt/& whan they knewe thys they came to hym & wolde haue made hym to assoyle them by force/& sent worde ouer to the kynge howe he had done/ wherof the kynge was moche wroth/& sayd yf he had mẽ in his lande that loued hym/they wolde not suffre suche a traytour in his lande a lyue/& forthwith foure knyghtes toke theyr counseyle togydder/& thought they wolde do the kynge a pleasure & emprysed to slee saynt thomas/& sodeynly departed & toke theyr shyppynge towarde englonde/& whã the kynge knewe of theyr departynge he was sory & sent after them but they were on the se & departed or the messẽgers came

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whetloze ꝟ kynge was heuy and lozy. These ben the
names of ꝟ foure knyghtes. Syz Reignolde bere ſon
ſyz Hughe mozuele / ſyz Wylliam tracy / & ſyz Richard
de bzyto. On cryſtenmas daye ſaynt Thomas made
a ſermon at Caunterbury in his owen chyzche / & we-
pynge pzayed ye people to pzay foz hym / foz he knew
well his tyme was nygh / & there executed ye ſentence
on them yt were agaynſt ye ryghte of holy churche / &
yt ſame daye as ye kynge ſate at mete all ye bzed that
they handled wared anone mowly / & hozey yt no man
might ete of it / & ꝟ bzed yt they touched nat was faire
& good foz to ete / & hese. iiii. knyghtſ afoze ſayd came
to Caunturbury on ye teweſdaye in Criſtmas weke
aboute euenſonge tyme / & came to ſaynt Thomas &
ſayd that the kynge cõmaunded hym to make amen-
des foz ye wzonges yt he had done / & alſo yt he ſhulde
aſſoyle all them yt he had acurſed anone oz elles they
wolde ſle hym. Than ſayde Thomas all yt I ought
to do by ryght yt wyll I with a good wyll do / but as
the ſentence that is executed I may not vndoz but ꝟ
they wyl ſubmyt them to ye cozrecciõ of holy chirche
foz it was done by our holy father ꝟ pope & not by me
Than ſayde ſyz Reynold but yf ꝟ aſſoyle ꝟ kynge &
vs vnder ſtandynge the curſe it ſhal coſte the thy lyfe.
and ſaynt Thomas ſayde ꝟ knoweſt well ynough yt
the kynge & I were accozded on mary Magdaleyns
day & yt this curſe ſhulde go fozth on them yt had offẽ
ded the chirche Than on of the knyghtes ſmote hym
as he kneled byfoze the auiter on the heed / & on ſyz ed
warde gryme that was his croyſer put fozthe his ar-
me wt ye croſſe to bere of ye ſtroke / & the ſtroke ſmote

the crosse in sondre / & his arme almoost of / wherfore he fled forfere / & so dyd all ꝑ mõkes that were ꝑ tyme at complyn / & they smote eche at hym / ꝑ they smote of a great pece of ꝑ skulle of his heed yt his brayne felle on ꝑ pauement / & so they slew hym & martred hym & there cruelly that one of them brake the poynt of hys swerde ageynst the pauement / and thus this holy archebysshop saynt Thomas suffred deth in his owne churche for the right of holy churche / & whan he was deed they stired his brayne / & after went in to his chãbre & toke away his goodes / & his hors out of his stable: & toke away his bulles & wrytyngs / & delyuered them to sir Robert Broke to bere in to fraũce to the kynge / & as they serched his chaunbre they founde in a cheste. ii. shertes of heare made full of great knottes / & they sayd certaynly he was a good man / & comynge downe into ꝑ chirche warde they began to drede & fere ꝑ the grounde wolde nat haue borne them / & were sore agast / for they supposed ꝑ the erthe wolde haue swalowed them all quicke / than they knewe that they had done amys / and anone it was knowen all about how yt he was martred / & anone after toke this holy body & vnclothed hym & foũde bisshops clothynge a-boue / & an habyte of a monke vnder / & next his flesshe a harde heare full of knottes / where he was his shirte / & his breche was of the same / & the knottes stykked faste within the skynne / and all his body full of wormes he suffred great peyne / and was thus martred the yere of our lorde. xi. C. lxxi. & was. lvi. yere olde. And soon after tidynges came to the kynge how he was slayne wherfore the kynge toke great sorowe / and sente to

Rome for his absolucion/ now after that saynt Thomas departed fro the pope / the pope wolde dayly loke vpon the whyte chesyble: that saynt Thomas had sayd masse in/ and that same day that he was martered/ he sawe it torne into redde: wherby he knew well that that same day he suffred martirdome for ỹ right of holy churche/ and cõmaunded a masse of requiem solempnly to be songe for his soule. And whan that the quere began for to synge Requiem / an aungel on hie aboue begannne the office of a martyr. Letabitur iustus. And than anone after/ al the hole quere folowed syngynge forth the masse of ỹ office of a martyr. And than the pope thanked god ỹ it pleased hym to shewe suche myracles for his holy martyr / at whose tombe by the meryte and prayers of this holy martyr / oure blessed lorde there hath shewed many myracles / the blynde haue recouered there theyr syght / the dombe theyr speche/ the deef theyr herynge/ the lame theyre lymmes/ & the deed theyr lyfe. Therfore let vs praye to thys glorious martyr/ to be our aduocate/ that by his peticion we may come vnto euerlastynge blysse. Amen.

¶ Thus endeth the lyfe of the blessed martyr saynt Thomas of Cauntubury.

Imprynted by me Rychard Pynson/ prynter vnto the kynges noble grace.